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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(4) and (e)(1)**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

The references cited on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in a European Search Report dated June 18, 2002, of corresponding European Patent Application No. 00105875.9. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed herewith.

**Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)**

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counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

PCT reference WO 9637075 cited in the Search Report, was been previously cited in connection with the instant patent application. Therefore, it is not cited again on the Form PTO-1449 and a copy is not being provided in conjunction with this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 18, 2002. Therefore Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. In the event that any fees are required, please charge Deposit Account 04-1415.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

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